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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Antonio Arevalo REYES et al. Conf.: 1014
Appl. No.: 09/544,773 Group: 1634
Filed: April 7, 2000 Examiner: CARLA J. MEYERS
For: LINKED LINEAR AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEAR
ACIDS

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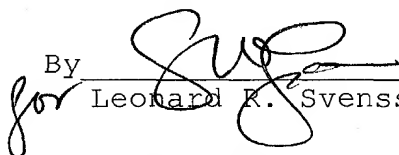
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Respectfully submitted,

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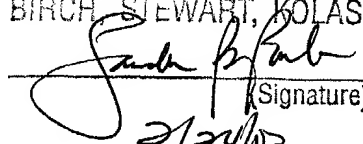
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In response to the Final Office Action issued October 24, 2002, the period for Response having been extended by one (1) month to February 24, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.